



DIGITAL/DISTANCE LEARNING

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

- There is a semester-long commitment for digital/distance learning. Following the July 12th application deadline, your student will be committed to a digital/distance platform for the first semester of the 2020-21 school year.
- Digital/distance learning for the 2020-21 school year will not look like the online learning from this past spring. The rigorous instruction and expectations will closely resemble face-to-face instruction.
- Students will be taught according to the Georgia Standards of Excellence and grades will be based on academic performance.
- Core academic courses will be available for all grade levels.
- Projects for art, music and physical education will be made available for elementary students.
- Elective courses will be limited for middle and high school students.
 - *Middle School - Physical education or Business/Information Technology*
 - *High School - Spanish I, Health & Personal Fitness, Business Communications, Introduction to Digital Technology and Introduction to Agriculture Science & Technology*
- Advanced Placement courses will not be offered through digital/distance learning.
- The school district will remain responsible for the free appropriate public education of students eligible for special education services with an individualized education program (IEP) that opt for digital/distance learning. Because online learning may affect how special education and related services are provided, the student's IEP team will work to ensure that the student receives services to the most appropriate extent possible.
- Digital/distance learning will take place Monday through Friday. The program will be structured like a regular school day and include video content, instruction from teachers, various online and offline assignments, quizzes and tests.
- Students must be motivated, organized, self-disciplined and supported. Parent involvement is key to successful digital/distance learning as students will need parental assistance during the digital learning school day.



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IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW CONTINUED

- In order to provide quality day-time instruction, WCSD will be staffing digital/distance learning with existing teachers. For the district to maintain balanced class sizes and schedules, students will only have the option to transfer from distance learning to the traditional classroom setting at the end of each semester.
- Students participating in digital/distance learning will be assigned a certified Walton County School District teacher. It is important to note that a child's teacher may not be from the school where the student is zoned. Further, if you elect to return to the traditional classroom setting, after the first semester, your student's teacher(s) will most likely change.
- Every student, regardless of grade level, will be expected to attend and adhere to the school board-approved academic calendar.
- Students will be expected to follow the WCSD attendance policy and Student Code of Conduct.
- Reliable internet access is required in order to participate in digital learning and a district-issued device is available for each student.
- Sharing devices is not recommended as all students will be required to complete coursework during the day. Each student participating in digital learning is strongly encouraged to have their own district-issued device.
- Students will be held accountable by the acceptable use of WCSD devices and associated technologies through Student Code of Conduct item 2.11 Inappropriate Use of Technology (GA .05). Students will also be liable for damages to their WCSD-issued device through Student Code of Conduct item 2.13 Destruction of Property (\$500 or less) (GA .20).
- Parents must purchase a \$20 protection plan per device in order to take home a WCSD-issued Chromebook.

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